

April 4, 2013

A regular meeting of the Village Board of the Town of Harrison, Westchester County, New York was held at the Municipal Building, 1 Heineman Place, Harrison, NY, Westchester County, on Thursday, April 4, 2013, at 7:30 PM. Eastern Daylight Savings Time. All members having received due notice of said meeting:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ronald Belmont Mayor

Marlane Amelio)

Joseph Cannella) Trustees

Fred Sciliano)

Stephen Malfitano)

ALSO ATTENDING:

Frank Allegretti Town Attorney

Jonathan Kraut Village Attorney

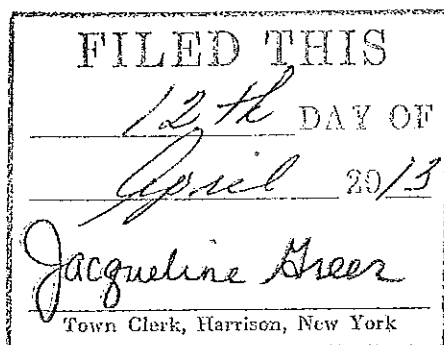
Maureen MacKenzie Treasurer

Anthony Marraccini Chief of Police

Robert FitzSimmons Building Inspector

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AUTHORIZATION TO CREATE A TWO-HOUR TIME LIMIT PARKING
FROM 7AM TO 7PM ON THE WEST SIDE OF SUNNYSIDE PLACE, FROM
SUNNYSIDE AVENUE TO THE DEAD END AND
ON THE NORTH SIDE OF EMERSON PLACE
FROM SUNNYSIDE PLACE TO DANNER AVENUE

Trustee Malfitano asked Chief Marraccini what the impact on residents would be.

Chief Marraccini said that he wanted the Board to be aware that the regulatory signs are already in place but when we went to research the law we couldn't find it on the books. The signs have been there for many years. The issue is that it is right next to the commuter area. I do believe we are making progress with the resident permit parking so once we get that instituted downtown it will elevate a lot of stress for the residents.

On motion of Trustee Amelio, seconded by Trustee Sciliano,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request of Chief of Police Anthony Marraccini for authorization to create a two-hour time limit parking from 7am to 7pm on the west side of Sunnyside Place from Sunnyside Avenue to the dead end and on the north side of Emerson place from Sunnyside Place to Danner Avenue.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Chief of Police and the Law Department.

Adopted by the following vote:

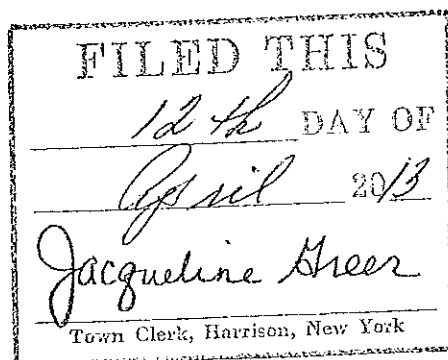
AYES: Trustees Amelio, Cannella, Malfitano and Sciliano
Mayor Belmont

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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AUTHORIZATION TO PROHIBIT PARKING ON THE
EAST SIDE OF SUNNYSIDE PLACE AND SUNNYSIDE AVENUE TO EMERSON PLACE

Chief Marraccini said this is just the small strip of Sunnyside. There have been residents that complained about this in the past. The problem with this, especially on court days, is that people are parking on both sides of the road. This makes it just about impossible for emergency vehicles to get through.

On motion of Trustee Malfitano, seconded by Trustee Amelio,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request by Chief of Police Anthony Marraccini for authorization to prohibit parking on the east side of Sunnyside Place from Sunnyside Avenue to Emerson Place.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Chief of Police and the Law Department.

Adopted by the following vote:

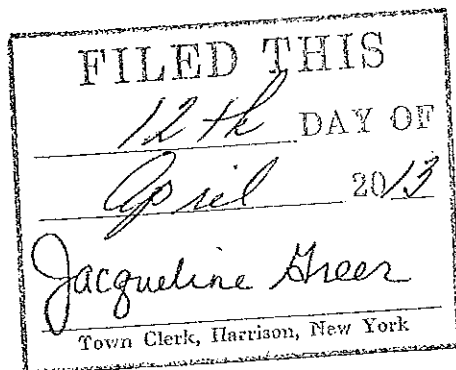
AYES: Trustees Amelio, Cannella, Malfitano and Sciliano
Mayor Belmont

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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AUTHORIZATION FOR A HANDICAP PARKING SPOT TO BE INSTALLED
ON COLUMBUS AVENUE IN THE VICINITY OF #43

Chief Marraccini said this is not a common practice. This is a unique situation; we have installed handicapped spots in residential areas. We evaluate on a case by case basis. Unfortunately there is a resident who is fairly ill in that area.

Trustee Amelio asked the Chief how many of this type of situations do we have in the town right now.

Chief Marraccini said it is less than ten; maybe closer to six. They change; when the spot is no longer needed we take it out.

On motion of Trustee Cannella, seconded by Trustee Amelio,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request of Chief of Police Anthony Marraccini for authorization for a handicap parking spot to be installed on Columbus Avenue in the vicinity of #43.

FURTHER RESOLVED that Lt. DiBuono has reviewed and inspected the location where the parking space would be installed.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Chief of Police and the Law Department.

Adopted by the following vote:

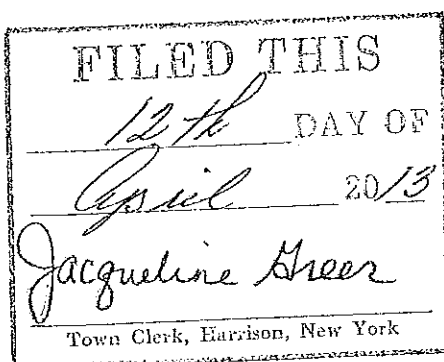
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Mayor Belmont

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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APPROVAL OF BID AWARD TO BILOTTA CONSTRUCTION
RE: WEST STREET ROADWAY REALIGNMENT AND
DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Trustee Malfitano said that he spoke to the Town/Village Engineer and suggested that further down West Street, heading toward the intersection of Century Trail, because of the repaving that has taken place in the past there is a fairly decent drop off between the payment elevation and grade level. In some instances it is greater than a foot and I suggested that as we are doing this project this should be looked at and if it is something that could potentially be added in terms of costs we should do it.

On motion of Trustee Amelio, seconded by Trustee Malfitano,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request by Purchasing Clerk Marie Bailey for a Bid Award to Bilotta Construction, 296 Purchase Street, Rye, NY 10580 having met all the requirements of the specification for West Street Roadway Realignment and Drainage Improvements Project at their total net bid price of \$241,259.20.

FURTHER RESOLVED that funding is available in Capital Account #12DR7.

FURTHER RESOLVED to authorize the Law Department to prepare the contract, and the Mayor to execute same.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Treasurer, the Purchasing Department and the Commissioner of Public Works.

Adopted by the following vote:

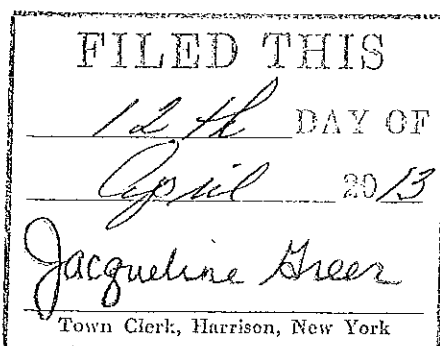
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Mayor Belmont

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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OLD BUSINESS:

Harrison resident Emil Toso said he wanted to give a couple of his thoughts on how the town could raise revenue. As you know the previous administration focused on job elimination. I asked them to raise revenue but they concentrated on job elimination so it is still a problem. This all concerns our off street parking lots. I did an analysis of parking in Harrison, computed the taxes, debt service to the lot and I come up with a value of over \$3,000 per space. We are charging a minimal rate of \$600 for commuter parking. We have 257 spaces owned by Metro North and we lose the taxes of those spaces. The taxes would amount to about \$950 per space and multiply that by the number of spaces and we are losing a quarter of a million dollars a year. Metro North doesn't pay taxes on the property it owns in town. It doesn't pay taxes on the product it sells, which are commuter parking spaces and fares to the city. If you compare us to Rye they have zero Metro North owned spaces in there town, same with Larchmont. White Plains only has 109 spaces owned by Metro North.

Trustee Cannella said this is not our property. We are not losing anything we don't own it.

Harrison resident Emil Toso said we are not getting the benefit of it. Metro North owns the property and because they are tax exempt we lose the taxes. We should be petitioning the state and try and get a more equal situation. There is such a demand for parking out there. Residents from Rye, Mamaroneck and even White Plains are parking in the Metro North lots. Everyone else is benefiting from these spaces but us. My solution to this is we need to raise the price of our commuter parking \$300 to \$500 more then what we are charging now.

Trustee Cannella said our commuter parking lots are being used by Harrison residents. They are our lots. We are in the middle of a recession. This is one of the few assets, with minimal costs to maintain, and you want us to raise it, and give them a hard time to get to work. That lot is ours, it doesn't cost any money. There is value throughout our town that we offer to our residents and we don't charge. We don't charge people to go to the library; we don't charge kids to go to the Sollozzo Center. We are not in the business of destroying our residents and making life more difficult in an already difficult environment sir; with all do respect. I just don't follow this.

Harrison resident Emil Toso said he believes that when you collect taxes from 7,000 residents and you have the benefits of the police department that is fine for everyone. When you take the taxes of 7,000 people and filter them to 450 residents that is not fair. If you raise our fee above what Metro North charges you would have some people say forget it and some will say I will get there early and park in Metro North spots. Since there is such a demand out there for spots why don't we sell our spots to non residents at a rate of \$2,000?

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Trustee Amelio asked Mr. Toso to put these recommendations in writing.

Harrison resident Emil Toso said in 2008 you got a recommendation that you should raise the rate to \$900. If you had done that then you would have a half million dollars extra.

Mayor Belmont thanked Mr. Toso for his time and effort and said he would be happy to accept his recommendations in writing.

On motion duly made and seconded,
with all members voting in favor,
the Meeting was recessed to Executive Session at 8:26 PM.

On motion duly made and seconded,
with all members voting in favor,
the Meeting was reconvened at 10:08 PM.

There being no further matters to come before the Board,
the Meeting was, on motion duly made and seconded,
declared closed at 10:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Greer
Village Clerk

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